

Dabney Smith Carr to Andrew Jackson, August 18, 1841, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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1 Dabney S. Carr was for several years naval officer at Baltimore, and from 1843 until 1849 he was U. S. minister to Turkey.

Baltimore, August 18, 1841.

My dear Sir, I cannot deny myself the pleasure of congratulating you on the Veto, placed on Clay's Bank Bill, by President Tyler. Your prediction, in a late letter to our friend Blair, which he told me of, has been happily and quickly verified, and now, when in the fulness of our hearts, we are expressing our thanks that the torrent of Federalism has been turned back, none of us forget you. Every where, at every turn and every corner, where two or three old fashioned Democrats are gathered together, the expression may be heard—"It will do old Hickory's heart good when he hears of the Veto"—so closely, most excellent sir, is your name associated, in the minds and hearts of all of us, with every thing of opposition to that deadly enemy to all that is honest and free. When the Veto came and we had read it and found it a plain straitforward rejection of the Bill—a real Veto, you would have been amused as well as gratified to hear the remark of old Joel Vickers, an old Democrat, in whom there is no guile, an old Jacksonian, in whom there has never been even the shade of a shadow of turning, say—"Egad, he has found one of old Jackson's pens and it wouldn't write any way but plain and straitforward." To Providence and to you we give thanks—and some to Tyler. But it was you who gathered the Democrats together on this subject, after they had been seperated and scattered and

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deceived and it was you that hooped them together, not for your time only, but, I trust, for all time. . . .